Association, aims at providing financial support from the Banking system to deserving/meritorious students for pursuing higher education in India and abroad.

(b) The interest rates have been deregulated and Banks are free to fix interest rates themselves with the approval of their Boards. Banks have been advised to fix their Benchmark Prime Lending Rate (BPLR) after taking into account cost of funds, transaction cost, risk factor, margin and other overhead expenses. As per the revised model Education Loan Scheme, 2004 the Banks are to charge interest on education loan upto Rs. 4 lakh at BPLR and above Rs. 4 lakh at BPLR + 1 percent.

(c) and (d) The information on the number of applications received for education loan for studying abroad is not maintained separately by all the public sector Banks. However, the total loan outstanding by public sector Banks during the last two years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

2005-05		2005-06		2006-07 (upto) Dec. 2006)*	
Number Of accounts	Amount outstanding	Number of accounts	Amount outstanding	Number of accounts	Amount outstanding
468207	6713.16	679945	9951.49	897751	13424.12

*Information from 7 Banks is upto Sept. 2006.

(e) One of the main reasons for applications being rejected is that some of the courses for which candidates seek education loan are not recognized/affiliated to any university.

VRS in Public Sector Enterprises

*26. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of CPSEs who have opted for VRS during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) which are the PSEs where VRS optees are maximum alongwith Ministry-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of VRS optees who have been trained under Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) Scheme in including class C&D employees;

(d) the number of CRR beneficiaries who are actually redeployed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the rate of redeployment is insignificant as compared to VRS optees;

(f) the steps being taken to improve the standard of training under CRR to make trainees employable?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The number of VRS optees from CPSEs durina last three vears is given as follows:

Year	No. of VRS optees
2003-04	45075
2004-05	19895
2005-06	13661
Total	78631

(b) Ministry-wise and CPSE-wise detail of VRS optees is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Under the Scheme of Counselling, Retraining and Redeploymnt (CRR), the VRS optees including executives/non-executives/ workmen of CPSEs are covered. The number of separated employees trained and redeployed under the Scheme during last three years is shown as under:

Year	Number of persons trained	Number of persons redeployed
2003-04	12134	5732
2004-05	28003	11917
2005-06	28718	15464
Total	68855	33113

(e)As shown above, during 2003-04 to 2005-06,78631 employees opted VRS from CPSEs. During this period 68855 VRS optees were trained and 33113 redeployed. This also includes VRS optees of previous years.

(f) CRR Scheme aims at rehabilitation of separated employees mainly in self-employment activities. The steps taken to improve the standard of training for better employment opportunities include updating the course curriculum from time to time, surveys to ascertain the trades in demand, post-training support, introducing multi-skill training, display/exhibition of products, etc.

Statement

Ministry-wise and CPSE-wise Number of Employees Retired under VRS during last three years

S.No.	Name of the CPSE	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
1	2	3	4	5
Ministry of Agriculture				
D/o Agriculture and Cooperation				
1.	National Seeds Corpn. Ltd.	11	28	45
2.	State Farms Corporation of India Ltd.	17	13	35
	Total:	28	41	80
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers				
D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals				
3.	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	38	4	11
4.	IDPL (Tamil Nadu) Ltd.	-	2	-
5.	Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	1	18	6
	Total:	39	24	17
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers				
D/o Fertilizers				
6.	Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corpn. Ltd.	26	-	-
7.	Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.	-	6	-
8.	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	5	115	850
9.	Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn. Ltd.	-	-	255
10.	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	45	15	127
11.	Projects & Development India Ltd.	39	-	1188
12.	Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.	-	1	230
13.	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd.	30	23	68
	Total:	145	160	2718

1	2	3	4	5
Ministry of Civil Aviation				
14.	Air India Ltd.	-	-	13
15.	Hotel Corpn. of India Ltd.	-	-	548
	Total:	-	-	561
Ministry of Coal				
16.	Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	1118	1236	2102
17.	Central Coalfields Ltd.	792	. 891	1124
18.	Central mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.	7	12	39
19.	Coal India Ltd.	4	9	86
20	Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	720	1330	1361
21.	Mahandi Coalfields Ltd.	62	67	101
22	Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.	8	133	56
23.	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	14	105	358
24.	Western Coalfields Ltd.	507	565	771
	Total:	3232	4348	5998
Ministry of Commerce & Industry				
D/o Commerce				
25.	M M T C Ltd.	5	35	48
26.	P E C Ltd.	-	-	1
	Total	5	35	49
Ministry of Communications & Information T				
D/o Telecommunications				
27.	I T I Ltd.	410	299	3726
28.	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	604	2015	-
	Total:	1014	2314	3726
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Publ.				
D/o Food & Public Distribution				
29,	Central Warehousing Corpn.	190	-	-
	Total:	190	-	-
Ministry of Defence				
D/o Defence Production				
30.	Bharat Dynamics Ltd	65	-	186
31.	Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.	-	571	7
32.	Bharat Electronics Ltd.	-	591	617
33	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.	64	-	119
34.	Goa Shipyard Ltd.	-	6	86
	Total:	129	1168	1015

1	2	3	4	5
Ministry of Development of North Eastern				
35.	North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev. Corpn.	1	-	1
	Total:	1	-	1
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare				
Department of Health and Family Welfare				
36.	Hindustan Latex Ltd.	6	20	18
37.	HSCC (India) Ltd.	-	1	-
	Total:	6	21	18
Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public En.				
D/o Heavy Industries				
38.	Andrew Yule & Company Ltd,	-	169	287
39.	Bharat Bhari Udyog Ltd.	-	-	5
40.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd-	-	-	2117
41.	Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels Ltd.	-	128	170
42.	Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.	-	-	111
43.	Bharat Wagon & Engg. Co. Ltd.	-	8	97
44.	Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd.	-	-	6
45.	Braithwaite & Co.Ltd	-	2	11
46.	Burn Standard Company Ltd.	-	48	312
47.	Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	-	5	503
48.	Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.	-	-	37
49.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	-	16	44
50.	Hindustan Newsprint Ltd.	2	-	1
51.	Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd	8	18	29
52.	Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	-	1	130
53.	Hindustan Salts Ltd.	-	-	2
54.	HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.'	50	26	-
55.	HMT Ltd.	-	53	71
56.	HMT Machine Tools Ltd.	-	75	-
57.	HMT Watches Ltd.	-	38	95
58.	Instrumentation Ltd.	9	33	126
59.	Praga Tools Ltd.	-	10	45
60.'	Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd.	-	-	359
61.	Scooters India Ltd.	6	2	2
62.	Triveni Structurals Ltd.	-	95	230
63.	Tungabhadra Steel products Ltd.	1	68	31
64.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.	-	-	28
	Total:	76	795	4849

1	2	3	4	5
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting				
65.	National Film Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	8	11	1
	Total:	8	11	1
Ministry of Mines				
66.	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	44	265	1808
67.	Mineral Exploration Corpn. Ltd.	-	-	1
68.	National Aluminium Company Ltd.	2	12	17
	Total:	46	277	1826
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas				
69.	Balmar Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	30	-	193
70.	Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd	6	430	-
71.	Biecco Lawrie Ltd.	19	-	-
72.	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	18	1	1.
73.	Engineers India Ltd.	8	7	2
74.	Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	-	530	-
75.	I.B.P. Co. Ltd.	2	33	-
76.	Indian Oil Blending Ltd.		11	6
77	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	92	165	326
78.	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	237	479	686
79.	Oil India Ltd.	-	-	647
80.	ONGC Videsh Ltd.	-	1	-
	Total:	412	1657	1861
Ministry of Power				
81.	National Hydroelectric Power Corpn. Ltd.	81	524	3
82.	NTPC Ltd.	39	69	157
83.	Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.	-	6	211
	Total:	120	599	371
Ministry of Railways				
84.	Ircon International Ltd.	1	4	4
	Total:	1	4	4
Ministry of Science & Technology				
Dept. of Scientific & Industrial Research				
85.	Central Electronics Ltd.	4	3	20
	Total:	4	3	20
Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and				
D/	Shipping			
86.	Central Inland Water Transport Corpn. Ltd.	186	134	63
87.	Cochin Shipyard Ltd.	1	25	84

1	2	3	4	5
88.	Dredging Corpn of India Ltd.	10	8	-
89.	Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.	-	-	66
90.	Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.	-	-	9
91	Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.	'-	3	1
	Total:	197	170	223
Ministry of Small Scale Industries				
92.	National Small Industrries Corpn. Ltd.	16	13	26
	Tota	16	13	26
Ministry of Steel				
93	Bharat Refractories Ltd.	4	1	12
94	Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd.	67	-	67
95.	Hindustan Steel Works Constn. Ltd.	30	418	346
96	Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	-	249	1506
97	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co Ltd	2	200	-
98.	M S T C Ltd.	-	-	7
99	Maharashtra Elektrosmelt Ltd.	1	12	31
100.	Manganese Ore (India) Ltd.	-	-	119
101.	Mecon Ltd	5	32	504
102.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd	8	-	-
103.	Sponge Iron India Ltd.	3	2	7
104	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	881	1440	2000
	Total:	1001	2354	4599
Ministry of Textiles				
105.	Birds Jute & Exports Ltd.	-	38	38
106.	British India Corporation Ltd.	-	4	126
107.	Brushware Ltd.	-	-	13
108.	Central Cottage Industries Corpn. of India Ltd.	4	34	42
109.	Handicrafts & Handloom Exports Corpn. of India Ltd	-	1	3
110.	Jute Corpn. of India Ltd.	-	-	25
111.	National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd.	1	4	-
112.	National Textile Corpn. (Holding Co.) Ltd.	-	106	1
113.	NTC (A. Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe) Ltd.	1198	-	354
114.	NTC (Delhi. Punjab & Rajasthan) Ltd.	2055	119	605
115.	NTC (Gujarat) Ltd	-	-	1679
116.	NTC (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd.	-	982	400
117.	NTC (Maharashtra North) Ltd.	836	1578	4768
118	NTC (South Maharashtra) Ltd.	280	1893	5933
119.	NTC (Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry) Ltd.	34	136	32

1	2	3	4	5
120.	NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Ltd.	1464	290	1321
121.	NTC (West Bengal, Assam, Bihar & Orissa) Ltd.	765	423	901
		Total: 6637	5608	16241
Ministry of Tourism				
122.	India Tourism Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	-	-	216
		Total: -	-	216
Ministry of Urban Development				
123.	National Bldg. Constn. Corpn. Ltd.	33	49	94
		Total: 33	49	94
Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty A				
124.	Hindustan Prefab Ltd.	15	22	6
		Total: 15	22	6
Ministry of Water Resources				
125.	National Projects Construction Corpn. Ltd.	113	13	274
		Total: 113	13	274
Dept. of Atomic Energy				
126.	Electronics Corpn. of India Ltd.	171	131	179
127.	Indian Rare Earths Ltd.	-	18	25
128.	Nuclear Power Corpn. of India Ltd.	2	-	-
129	Uranium Corporation of India Ltd.	20	14	77
		Total: 193	163	281
Dept. of Space				
130.	Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd.	-	46	-
		Total: -	46	-
	GRAND TOTAL:	13661	19895	45075

Regulation and management of ground and river water

*27. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far formulated any comprehensive National Policy for regulation and management of ground-water and river-water in the country, initiated by the previous Government, to solve the shortage of water in many States; and